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Kentucky Legal Education Opportunity Scholarship Program

The May 2, 2006, edition of the Lexington *Herald-Leader* contained an article, written by its Frankfort Bureau staff, reporting that the scholarship program for law students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds (KLEO) will continue at its current level. The announcement came from Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert.

The program, approved by the 2003 General Assembly provides \$5,000 scholarships for each of the three years of law school to students selected by UK, UofL, and NKU. Up to 15 scholarships per year are available to each of Kentucky's three public law schools.

KLEO's goal is to make Kentucky courtrooms more representative of Kentucky citizens, with individuals of all races and economic backgrounds serving as attorneys, judges, and prosecutors statewide and as legal counsels in all branches of state government.

KLEO Scholarships Awarded Since 2003

	1st	Year Stu	<u>idents</u>	2nd Year Students			3rd Year Students			l otal
Institution	AA	White	Other	AA	White	Other	AA	White	Other	Scholarships
NKU										N/A
UK	5			2		1	2	1		11
UofL	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	15